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FROM : SA - Robert W. Barnett

SUBJECT: Weather Radar for Communist China

1. This Bureau has been asked to comment on what action should be taken in response to the British request for an exception to the CoCom embargo on weather radar. As I understand it, fear of Congressional reaction to granting the exception and our general interest in preserving the integrity of the CoCom embargo program leads most of us to believe that we should not acquiesce in the British request.

2. Before taking a Bureau position, I wanted to obtain views from Defense and CIA.

3. In response to my request, Deputy Assistant Secretary of International Security Affairs at Defense, Mr. Hoopes, looked into the matter and gave me this information:

- a. The Navy Department and the Joint Staff believe that it is a good idea to improve Chinese Communist weather reporting facilities. They find Chinese Communist reports useful, although of course, they are not wholly dependent upon them.
- b. They discount the possibility that weather radar facilities, if acquired by the Chinese Communists, would be used for other than weather investigation purposes.

4. In response to a question that I put to William N. Morell, Jr., at CIA, I have received a letter which satisfies me that the ancillary data transmission equipment would, if sold to Communist China, be of very great military value. It would significantly improve the capacity of the Chinese Communists to make and report on multiple tracking of air intrusions of their own and nearby air space. It would doubtless be used as a prototype for manufacture of air warning equipment they do not now possess for their own use or for use by North Vietnamese. I am attaching a copy of Mr. Morell's letter to me and an enclosure which answers some of the specific questions I had put to CIA.

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5. On the strength of the foregoing, it seems essential to distinguish the problem of the weather radar facility itself from certain ancillary data transmission equipment which the Chinese also desire, and the British appear prepared to sell. Our view is that our national interest would be served by agreeing, and we so recommend, to let the UK have an exception for sale of a wind-finding, radar-type WF 44 S embargoed under International List 1501 (c)(2)(ii)(iii), provided the sale does not include the ancillary high-speed, digital transmission system.

6. I have obtained approval from Mr. Hoopes and Mr. Morell for those portions of this memorandum in which I attribute to them views on this matter.

Attachment:

Letter to Mr. Barnett
from Mr. Morell, July 12, 1967.

cc: CIA - Mr. Morell
DOD/ISA - Mr. Hoopes

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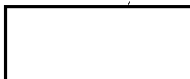
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Dick:

This is the final chapter in the
wind-finding radar case which I called
to your attention earlier.

William N. Morell, Jr.
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